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For: IMAGE PROCESSING DEVICE AND  
METHOD

Examiner: P. L. Edwards

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the final Office Action dated August 15, 2006, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 153 of this paper.